

review period. We then divided that amount by each company's total exports and weight-averaged the benefit received by each company using as the weight its share of total Mexican exports to the United States of the subject merchandise. On this basis, we preliminarily determine the benefit from this program to be 0.47 percent *ad valorem* for all companies.

NAFINSA Long-Term Loans

Two companies received long-term financing from NAFINSA loans (Nacional Financiera Sociedad Anonima). Until December 31, 1988, NAFINSA operated as a first-tier bank, which is defined as a commercial bank that provides financing directly to the public. Since December 31, 1988, NAFINSA has operated as "second-tier" bank granting financing to companies indirectly through the commercial bank, (i.e., first-tier banks). NAFINSA long-term loans have been found to be specific in past proceedings because availability was limited to specific geographical regions of Mexico. See *Bars and Shapes from Mexico Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determinations and Countervailing Duty Orders* 49 FR 161 (August 17, 1984). The GOM has provided no new information or evidence of changed circumstances to lead us to conclude that this program is not limited to companies in specific regions. Therefore, we preliminarily determine that NAFINSA long-term loans are specific.

Since the GOM did not provide any information on long-term interest rates, we are using a short-term CPP based rate as our benchmark rate in accordance with our practices as set forth in section 355.49(b)(iii) of the Department's regulations. See *Countervailing Duties; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Request for Public Comments*, 54 FR 23366, 23384 (May 31, 1989). In past Mexican cases, we have used the *Costo Porcentual Promedio* (CPP), a short-term interest rate, as the basis for our benchmark. We have converted the CPP rate into a benchmark rate using a standard formula that has been used consistently in past Mexican cases. See *Porcelain-on-Steel Cookingware from Mexico; Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*, 57 FR 562 (January 7, 1992). Using this methodology, we calculated an annual average benchmark of 29.79 percent for the peso-denominated loans. A comparison between the benchmark rate and the NAFINSA loan rates indicates that these loans are inconsistent with commercial considerations.

To calculate the benefit, we multiplied the difference between the benchmark rate and the interest rate in effect for the NAFINSA loan by the principal outstanding during the review period. We divided the benefit by the firm's total sales during the review period and then weight-averaged the benefit received by each company using as the weight its share of total Mexican exports to the United States of the subject merchandise. On this basis, we preliminarily determine the benefit from this program to be 0.01 percent *ad valorem* for all companies.

II. Programs Preliminarily Found To Be Not Used

We also examined the following programs and preliminarily determined that exporters of the subject merchandise did not apply for or receive benefits under these programs during the review period:

- (A) Other BANCOMEXT preferential financing;
- (B) Other Dollar-Denominated Financing Programs;
- (C) Fiscal Promotion Certificates (CEPROFI);
- (D) Import duty reductions and exemptions;
- (E) State tax incentives;
- (F) Article 15 Loans;
- (G) NAFINSA FONEI-type financing; and
- (H) NAFINSA FOGAIN-type financing.

Preliminary Results of Review

For the period January 1, 1993, through December 31, 1993, we preliminarily determined the total bounty or grant to be 0.48 percent *ad valorem* for all companies. In accordance with 19 CFR 355.7, any rate less than 0.5 percent *ad valorem* is *de minimis*.

If the final results remain the same as these preliminary results, the Department intends to instruct the U.S. Customs Service to liquidate, without regard to countervailing duties, all shipments of the subject merchandise from Mexico exported on or after January 1, 1993, and on or before December 31, 1993.

The Department also intends to instruct the U.S. Customs Service to collect a cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties of zero percent of the f.o.b. invoice price on all shipments of the subject merchandise from all companies, entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final date of the publication of the final result of this review.

Parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of the calculation

methodology and interested parties may request a hearing not later than 10 days after the date of publication of this notice. Pursuant to 19 CFR 355.38(c), interested parties may submit written arguments in case briefs on these preliminary results within 30 days of the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs, limited to arguments raised in case briefs, may be submitted seven days after the time limit for filing the case brief. Any hearing, if requested, will be held seven days after the scheduled date for submission of rebuttal briefs. Copies of case briefs and rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with 19 CFR 355.38(e).

Representatives of parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of proprietary information under administrative protective order no later than 10 days after the representative's client or employer becomes a party to the proceeding, but in no event later than the date the case briefs, under § 355.38(c), are due. The Department will publish the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any case or rebuttal brief, or at a hearing. This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR 355.22.

Dated: May 10, 1995.

Susan G. Esserman,
Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.

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Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of Application for an Amendment to an Export Trade Certificate of Review, Application No. 90-5A007.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has received an application to amend an Export Trade Certificate of Review. This notice summarizes the amendment and requests comments relevant to whether the amended Certificate should be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: W. Dawn Busby, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, 202-482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. A Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from state and federal

government antitrust actions and from private, treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. Section 302(b)(1) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.6(a) require the Secretary to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying the applicant and summarizing its proposed export conduct.

Request for Public Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments relevant to determining whether the Certificate should be amended. An original and five (5) copies should be submitted not later than 20 days after the date of this notice to: Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 1800H, Washington, DC 20230. Information submitted by any person is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). Comments should refer to this application as "Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 90-5A007."

Export Trade Certificate of Review No. 90-00007, was issued to the U.S. Surimi Commission ("USSC") on August 22, 1990 (55 FR 35445, August 30, 1990) and previously amended on December 12, 1990 (55 FR 53031, December 26, 1990), June 11, 1991 (56 FR 27946, June 18, 1991), May 22, 1992 (57 FR 23078, June 1, 1992), and on August 12, 1993 (58 FR 44504, August 23, 1993).

Summary of the Application

Applicant: United States Surimi Commission ("USSC"), 4200 First Interstate Center, Seattle, Washington 98104-4082.

Contact: Paul MacGregor, Legal Counsel, Telephone: 206/624-5950.

Application No.: 90-5A007.

Date Deemed Submitted: May 5, 1995.

Proposed Amendment: USSC seeks to amend its Certificate to:

1. Add the following companies as "Members" within the meaning of § 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(1)): Alaska Trawl Fisheries, Inc., Edmonds, Washington (controlling entity: Daerim Corporation, Seoul, Korea); and Emerald Seafoods, NW. (controlling entity: Emerald Seafoods, NW., Limited Partnership).

2. Add the following product to Export Trade as defined by § 325.2(j) of the Regulations: White fish meal.

Dated: May 15, 1995.

Jude Kearney,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Service Industries and Finance.

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Purdue University, Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 95-004. **Applicant:** Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907. **Instrument:** Electron Microscope, Model CM200. **Manufacturer:** Philips, The Netherlands. **Intended Use:** See notice at 60 FR 9662, February 21, 1995. **Order Date:** July 28, 1994.

Comments: None received. **Decision:** Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as this instrument is intended to be used, was being manufactured in the United States at the time the instrument was ordered. **Reasons:** The foreign instrument is a conventional transmission electron microscope (CTEM) and is intended for research or scientific educational uses requiring a CTEM. We know of no CTEM, or any other instrument suited to these purposes, which was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order of the instrument.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040795A]

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Public Hearing

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of additional public hearing.

SUMMARY: On April 18, 1995, NMFS published a notice of availability of a proposed recovery plan for Snake River

salmon protected by the Endangered Species Act (ESA). In addition, eleven public hearings were announced. NMFS is announcing one additional public hearing.

DATES: The public hearing is scheduled as follows:

June 21, 1995, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Idaho Falls, ID.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held at the following location:

Idaho Falls—Center for Higher Education Bldg., 1776 Science Center Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83402.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Jones, Recovery Plan Coordinator, Environmental and Technical Services Division, NMFS, (503) 230-5400.

Dated: May 11, 1995.

Patricia A. Montanio,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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[Docket No. 950508132-5132-01; I.D. 010995D]

Information Relating to Bowhead Whales; U.S. Implementation of Bowhead Whale Strike Quota

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NOAA is soliciting public comment on the proposed allocation to U.S. natives of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) bowhead whale catch limit.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 19, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed to the Office of International Affairs, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. A list of documents reviewed for this action may be obtained upon request, and the documents examined during the comment period during business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Blankenbaker, 301-713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA is responsible for implementation and enforcement of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361-1407), the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543), and the Whaling Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 916-9161). In addition, it provides staff support to the